Claims:

1 1.   (Currently amended) A method of managing electronic mail (email)

2   messages in an email account, the method comprising:

3   displaying to a user a first open email message on a display screen

4   of a device;

5   while displaying the first open email message to the user, detecting

6   an intent of the user to perform an action that results in closing the first

7   open email message;

8   presenting the user, with a plurality of deletion options in

9   automatic response to detecting an the intent of the user to perform an

10   action that results in closing on the first email message, a plurality of

11   deletion options from which the user selects one deletion option before

12   the action can be completed;

13   receiving an input signal from the user that selects a selection of

14   one of the deletion options; and

15   in automatic response to receiving the selection from the user,

16   input signal, performing completing the action that results in closing on

17   the first email message and setting a deletion criterion for a second

18   particular email message based on the selected deletion option.

1   2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~second~~

2   particular email message for which the deletion criterion is set is the first

3   email message and the action is to close the first email message.

1   3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the action is to

2   send the first email message to another email user and the ~~second~~

3   particular email message for which the deletion criterion is set is a copy

4   of the sent first email message.

1   4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ setting

2   the deletion criterion for the ~~second~~ particular email message includes

3   associating deletion of the ~~second~~ particular email message to an

4   occurrence of a scheduled item.

1   5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the scheduled item is an

2   appointment in a calendar.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the scheduled item is a task in

2   a task list.

1   7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ setting

2   the deletion criterion for the ~~second~~ particular email message includes

3   scheduling deletion of the ~~second~~ particular email message ~~to~~ at a

4   specified time.

1   8.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising

2   prompting the user for confirmation before deleting the ~~second~~ particular

3   email message based on the deletion criterion.

1   9.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising defining by the user

2   each deletion option to be presented.

1   10.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising

2   displaying a mailbox view listing a plurality of email messages, and

3   providing ~~an~~ a deletion indicator for each email message in the mailbox

4   view ~~scheduled~~ marked for deletion.

1   11.   (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising activating the

2   indicator for one of the email messages to display deletion criterion

3   associated with that email message.

1   12. – 39. (Canceled)